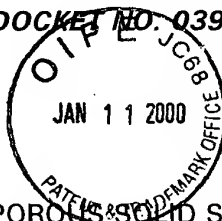


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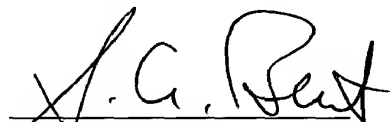
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The relevance of the documents is described in the present specification. English translations for documents A15 and A16 are not readily available; however, the absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 CFR § 1.98 and MPEP § 609).

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), before mailing of the first Office action.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP § 609.

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